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TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJECT: SFM WEEKLY SUMMARY

1. AS SSM AWARE, WEEK OF JULY 30-AUGUST 5 WAS A BUSY ONE BECAUSE OF CONTINGENCY PREPARATIONS FOR POSSIBLE CONFERENCE AT SFM. COMMUNICATIONS WORKLOAD WAS B# UNTIL MIDDLE OF WEEK. AFTER VISIT OF FIVE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES (NEWSWEEK AND ABC) ON JULY 31, SFM, WITH DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL, BEGAN TURNING DOWN REQUESTS, AND FOUR WERE DENIED. SUBSEQUENTLY, VISIT BY TIME MAGAZINE WAS APPROVED BUT THEN POSTPONED, AT TIME'S REQUEST, UNTIL NEXT WEEK. GENERAL RAIS ABIN AND HIS PARTY CONCLUDED THEIR VISIT ON JULY 30.

### 2. OPERATIONS

A) TROUBLE AGAIN EXPERIENCED THIS WEEK WITH CAIRO TTY LINK. SFM TECHNICIANS WERE DISPATCHED AND FOUND NO PROBLEMS WITH EQUIPMENT AT MOW. AT WEEK'S END, TECHNICIANS WERE EXAMINING RELAY SITE FOR SUSPECTED PROBLEMS WITH BATTERY POWER.

B) IDF AND UNEF NOTIFIED SFM ON AUGUST 3 THAT IDF WOULD BE CONDUCTING EXTENSIVE MANEUVERS BEGINNING THAT

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DAY AND LASTING FOR THREE WEEKS. MANEUVERS REPORTEDLY ARE TO INCLUDE TANK AND SMALL ARMS ACTIVITY ABOUT ONE KM. EAST OF CHECKPOINT CHARLIE.

### 3. ADMINISTRATION

A) ISRAELI DEFENSE TAX

E-SYSTEMS HAD BEEN ADVISED BY THE ISRAELI TELEPHONE AUTHORITIES THAT THEY WOULD BE GRANTED A REFUND OF 22,051.95 ISRAELI POUNDS IN DEFENSE TAXES THAT HAD BEEN PAID ON THE JERUSALEM TELEPHONE LINE. THE REFUND WAS TO BE IN THE FORM OF A CREDIT TO THE MARCH-APRIL STATEMENT. THIS STATEMENT HAS STILL NOT BEEN RECEIVED AND WE HAVE CONTACTED COLONEL LEVINSON'S OFFICE AND REQUESTED HIS ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING ITS ISSUANCE.

THE QUESTION OF REFUNDS ON THE TEL AVIV LINE AND THE TEL AVIV OFFICE LINE ARE BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE ENTIRE BILLING QUESTION.

B) MAINTENANCE/CONSTRUCTION  
THE SIDE DINING ROOM PROJECT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND WE ARE VERY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS. CARPETING HAS BEEN LAID IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM AND OFFICES, AND THE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED CONFERENCE TABLE IS ALMOST COMPLETED. AS PART OF THE GENERAL CLEAN-UP EFFORT THE ENTIRE BASE CAMP HAS BEEN REPAINTED AND REFURBISHED.

C) DISPOSAL OF REFRIGERATED TRUCK  
THE REFRIGERATED TRUCK HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN CAIRO.

D) NEW EQUIPMENT  
THE NEW SAVIN COPIER IS IN PLACE IN THE USG OFFICE  
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COMPLEX AND IS WORKING WELL.

E) C&R TDY  
THE DIRECTOR HAS AGREED TO THE RELEASE OF CRO TOM BELL FOR FOUR WEEKS OF TDY IN HELSINKI FROM SEPTEMBER 15 THROUGH OCTOBER 16.  
HUNT

NOTE BY OC/T: PARA. 1., LINE 3 AS RECEIVED. CORRECTION TO FOLLOW.

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